



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

*North Country  
Council, Inc.,  
Northern New  
Hampshire*

## EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

## Community Description

North Country Council, Inc. was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. New Hampshire's North Country (approximate population 85,000) encompasses more than 3,000 square miles in the northern third of the state. It was a center for textile, shoe, and wood products industries through the 1950s. Since then, plant closures have been responsible for the loss of the majority of manufacturing jobs in the area. While the state's population increases, the North



## Assessment Grants



**\$200,000 for hazardous substances**  
**\$200,000 for petroleum**

EPA has selected North Country Council, Inc. for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to inventory and rank sites and perform from eight to ten Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments. Funds also will be used for community outreach. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

## Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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Country continues to lose residents. The median household income in the area is far below the state median. As the communities in North Country transition from industrial centers to commercial and tourism centers, the need to redevelop brownfields has become increasingly important. Most of the old industrial structures are located in or near central business districts. They pose a significant threat to the public health in towns that rely on wells for drinking water. Assessment of these sites will provide opportunities for

economic development in the area. Redevelopment of North Country downtown areas will provide local employment opportunities and lessen development pressures on rural landscapes.